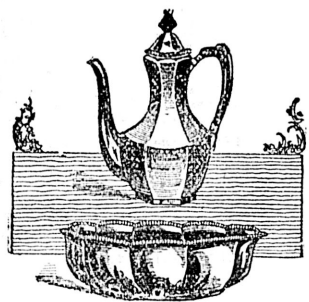


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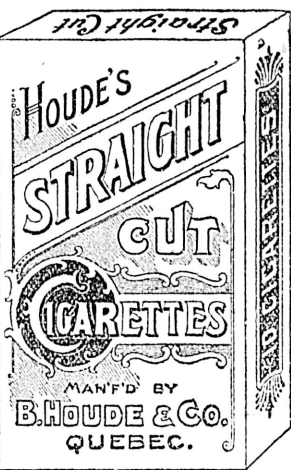
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leather; very fine Carved Oak Pedestal;
Oxidized Iron Piano Lamp and Shade; 3
Skin Rugs; Skin Mats; Silk Serenge; Oak
Frames; 2 pairs Lace Curtains; Fringed
Rug; fine Oak Overmantel with several
British Plates; Book Case, and the follow-
ing: very fine Gilt Edged, Hand-
Made Paper Set of Bayard and Kipling, 12
vols.; Washington Irving, 15 vols.; and
Bret Harte; also fine set of Carlyle, 15
vols.; and J. Whitecombe Riley, 9 vols.;
Complete International Encyclopedia, 15
vols.; very fine Brussels Carpet in Square,
IN DINING ROOM—Handsome Marble
Timepiece; very fine Wheeler & Wilson
Sewing Machine, Oak Case; Skin Rug;
Lady's Secretaire; Solid Oak Sideboard; Ex-
tension Dining Table; Chairs; Single
Lounge; Handsome Electro-Plated Tea Ser-
vice and Silver; also Coffee Service, a
Beauty; Toast Rack; Egg Stand; China
Tea Service; Velvet Pile Square; Oxidized
Iron Banquet Lamp, IN HALL—
Handsome Polished Walnut Hall Stand; 2
fine Hall Chairs; Walnut and Mahogany
Oxidized Iron Hall Lamp; Maholia Un-
breakable Stand; Brussels Hall and Stair Car-
pets, IN THREE BEDROOMS—Handsome
and Massive Polished Walnut Bed Set; fine
Iron and Brass Bedstead; elegant Mahogany
Dressing Dressing Table, with Glass; Ash
Bed Set; 2 Single Bedsteads; Baby Fold-
ing Crib; Wire, Box and Top Mattresses;
Feather Pillows; Elderdow Quilts; Com-
forts; Large Silk Screens; fine Toilet Ser-
vice; Walnut Table and Cover; Carpet
Squares; Chenille Portieres, IN KITCHEN
AND OUTSIDE—City Acorn Cook Stove;
Kitchen Chairs and Tables; fine
Refrigerator, almost new; Wringer;
Capital Lawn Mower; new Gar-
den Hose, and a large lot of Crockery and
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**Bloodiest Battle of the Century Won by
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From Modder River.**

**At Daybreak British Confronted Whole Boer Force
Strongly Entrenched and Ten Hours of Des-
perate Hard Fighting Followed.**

**"Most Trying in the Annals of the British Army" the Grave
Report of Victorious General—Bayonet Charge Once
More Decided the Day.**

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 29.—The war office has
received the following despatch from
Gen. Buller dated Capetown, Tuesday,
November 28:

Gen. Methuen reports from Modder
River, Tuesday, November 28: "Recon-
noitering at 5 a.m., the enemy's position
on the river Modder found them strongly
entrenched and concealed. There was no
means of outflanking them, the river
being full.

"Action commenced with artillery,
mounted infantry and cavalry at 5.30.
The Guards were on the right and the
Ninth Brigade on the left.

"The force attacked the position in
widely extended formation at 6.30 and
supported by the artillery, found itself
in front of the whole Boer force, 8,000
strong, with two large guns, four
Krupps, etc.

"The Naval Brigade rendered great as-
sistance from the railway.

"After desperate hard fighting which
lasted 10 hours, our men, without water
or food, and in the burning sun, made
the enemy quit his position.

"Gen. Pole-Carew was successful in
getting a small party across the river,
gallantly assisted by 300 Sappers.

"I speak in terms of high praise of the
conduct of all who were engaged in one
of the hardest and most trying fights in
the annals of the British army. If I
can mention one man particularly, it is
the two batteries of artillery."

METHUEN TO THE QUEEN.

London, Nov. 29.—A special despatch
from Windsor says that Gen. Methuen's
despatch to the Queen after the battle of
Modder River, says: "The battle was the
bloodiest of the century. The British
shelled the enemy out of the trenches
and then charged. The result was ter-
rible."

COMMENT IN LONDON.

London, Nov. 30.—"Twelve
hours' reflection upon Lord Methuen's
brief despatch has only served to increase
public anxiety and suspense. All kinds
of speculation is indulged in. In the
absence of any indications as to whether
the Boers occupied the north or south
bank of Modder river the best opinion
inclines to the latter theory, and it is
pointed out that the British must have
been utterly exhausted if they could not
follow up the fleeing Boers and crush
them as the enemy crowded over the
bridge, their compulsory line of retreat.

The Morning Post's military correspon-
dent, who has usually shown great abil-
ity, suggests that the Boers are still on
the south side of the river and that the
bridge is in their hands, and he points out
the great danger to the small British
force who crossed on pontoons.

The importance attached to this pon-
tooning operation is proved by the fact
that Gen. Pole-Carew, one of the only
two brigadier-generals was selected to
superintend it.

No word has since arrived either from
Lord Methuen, or from Natal. Speculation
therefore is useless. It is believed
Lord Methuen will be instantly reinforc-
ed from Capetown by two battalions of
infantry, a detachment of cavalry and a
battery of artillery.

Col. Albrecht, who is directing the
work of the Boers in opposing Lord
Methuen, was originally an officer in the
Austrian army. He entered the Free
State army and soon brought its artillery

to a high state of efficiency. He is
known as an able artilleryist and strate-
gist.

METHUEN'S SPLENDID WORK.

As one correspondent describes it, the
British are fighting "An omnipresent,
but almost invisible foe."

Unstinted admiration is everywhere
expressed for the splendid work of Lord
Methuen's column. With a force really
inadequate, he has marched 53 miles and
fought three battles within seven days.

LARGER FORCE CALLED FOR.

The Times comments upon the fact
that thus far the Boers have been able
to compel attacks by inadequate forces
upon their well-chosen positions while
keeping the initiative in their own hands.
It says: "Ample numbers are our great-
est need and the decision to send out
the Sixth Division has certainly not
been taken too soon. Now that disloy-
alty in Cape Colony has to be faced,
even greater efforts will have to be made.
The only wise course is to turn to ac-
count the somewhat bitter lessons of the
last six weeks and to employ a large
factor of safety."

HOW FARES LADYSMITH?

Absolutely No News Since Advance on
Colenso Was Ordered—Delayed
Reports of Boer Assaults.

Ladysmith, Monday, November 20—
(By messenger to Mool River).—All are
well and cheerful. The Boers are not
shelling to-day and we have no fear that
they will attack the town. Our position
we have made very strong, with redoubt
and breastworks and we look forward
confidently to the ultimate result."

London, Nov. 30.—The Standard pub-
lishes the following despatch from Ladys-
smith dated Tuesday, November 21:
"Last Saturday I had a whole sackful
of my correspondence returned to me,
showing the difficulty of communication
with the outside world.

"The Boers cannonade us almost daily
but there have been few casualties. Evi-
dently the object of the enemy is to ex-
haust the spirits of the British troops by
incessant harassing. The prospects of
the British advance from the south im-
pelled them to redouble their efforts.
They are mounting more guns and draw-
ing the lines of investment closer."

There had been no news of any kind
from Natal up to this afternoon since
Gen. Buller's message yesterday. Inde-
pendent communications stopped abruptly
with the announcement that Gen. Hild-
yard had been ordered to advance on
Colenso. Therefore there is reasonable
solitude regarding the course of events
since Monday.

While no credence is given to the rum-
ors that Ladysmith has fallen, the scare
serves to impress the public with the dan-
ger of what is still within the bounds
of possibility. Such a misfortune would
probably produce a formidable revolt
among the Cape Dutch.

The Daily News says: "Whatever
comes, we must brace our nerves to meet
it. Certainly to-day it looks as if we had
before us a very stern and earnest struggle,
before we see our way clear to final
victory."

REQUIEM FOR SOLDIERS.

Rome, Nov. 29.—A requiem mass was
celebrated in the English Catholic
church here to-day for the repose of souls
of the slain in South Africa. The church
was filled with English and Americans,
including the ambassadors of Great Brit-
ain and the United States. The Pope
sent his blessings.

It is announced that His Holiness is
much distressed by the losses on both
sides in South Africa.

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TWO BIT...

BRIAR PIPES.

IN SHOW WINDOWS.

HARRY SALMON'S
THE CORNER.

Chamberlain on Boers' Future.

Only One Settlement Satisfactory to Loyal Subjects of South African Colonies.

Rebuke to Timid Politicians Who Would Have Suffered Kruger's Insolence.

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 30.—Addressing a meeting of 7,000 people in Leicester this evening, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain devoted the greater part of a long speech to a justification of the government's policy in South Africa and to a refutation of the arguments of the Earl of Kimberley, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and others.

"According to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman," said Mr. Chamberlain, "we ought to have skulked back to our holes when Mr. Kruger refused to listen to our peaceful representations. That would have lost us South Africa, weakened our hold upon India, and earned us the contempt of mankind." He reiterated that the war was inevitable, "although, doubtless, Mr. Kruger would have preferred to wait until England was involved with some other power."

Referring to the conditions under which the Gladstone government granted the convention of 1888, he denied that the grant was made because Mr. Gladstone feared a general Dutch rising. "The real reason," he asserted, "was because the Gladstone government believed the annexation of the Transvaal in 1887 occurred under a misapprehension by Lord Beaconsfield, that a majority of the Boers desired annexation. It was afterwards proved that this was not their desire and the annexation was cancelled."

Referring to the basis and conditions of settlement after the war, Mr. Chamberlain said: "I do not like to divide the skin before I have caught the bear, but I must insist that the Boers by their own action have created a clean sheet upon which we can write what we please, and I feel convinced that our loyal fellow subjects in Cape Colony and Natal would regard no solution as durable which did not provide beyond the shadow of a doubt for the supremacy of the British flag—the only guarantee of settled peace and the only security for the just treatment of all the races of South Africa."

FIGHTING AT KIMBERLEY.

British Make a Night Sortie and Take Boers by Surprise.

Pretoria, Nov. 27.—Gen. Dutoit reports that the British made a sortie from Kimberley early on Saturday morning and fired on the Boers with artillery and infantry in the darkness. He says: "The British advanced to where the Bloemfontein force was stationed, and on our side there were three hundred men. Gen. Dutoit, who was nine miles off, hastened to assist the Bloemfontein contingent with a hundred men."

"Nine burghers were killed, 17 wounded and some are missing. The British left on the field a private and sergeant. It is reported the British attempted to leave Kimberley on the east side to meet the troops from Belmont."

Commandant Lubbe was severely wounded.

REVISED CASUALTY LISTS.

London, Nov. 29.—The revised list of British casualties at Belmont shows: Officers killed 4, wounded 22; non-commissioned officers and privates killed 40, wounded 225, of which number the Guards had 35 killed, and 150 wounded. The revised list of casualties sustained by Gen. Hildyard's forces at the battle of Belmont shows: Killed 13, wounded 68, missing 1, prisoners 8.

THE QUEEN'S HOLIDAY.

Planned to Include a Visit to Germany but This Reported Changed.

London, Nov. 29.—Truth announces that Emperor William has achieved one of the objects of his visit to England in having induced Queen Victoria to give a conditional promise to visit the Prussian court during the last week of April. "She will travel, it appears, from North Italy to Germany by the St. Gothard tunnel and be Germany's guest for several days at Coblenz or Potsdam. Her Majesty's visit will be entirely private."

The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "King Humbert has invited Emperor William and Queen Victoria to go to Bordighera in April and both have accepted. The Queen had originally intended to go to Potsdam but this plan was shelved in favor of a meeting in Italy."

THE BOSTON HAY CONTRACT.

Canadian Government Finds Inferior Stuff Supplied and an Expensive Delay the Result.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—Officials of the department of agriculture have rejected a large quantity of hay which Bloombergdale, the Boston contractor, supplied for shipment to South Africa. The result has been undue detention of the vessel, involving demurrage to the extent of \$250 a day. The imperial government has consented to pay this extra cost.

(By Associated Press.)

Boston, Nov. 29.—The sailing of the steamer Montaux which has been loading hay for South Africa, has been delayed a number of days, as much of the hay has failed to pass inspection. This delay not only is unsatisfactory to the British government, as the hay is greatly needed by the cavalry in South Africa, but it is also a matter of no small expense to the government, as the demurrage on the steamer is \$250 a day. Canadian officials acting for the British government have agreed to get the steamer Montaux at Capetown by the first day of January, however.

Vancouver's News Budget.

Civic Economy Provides Immunity for Escaped Thieves—Blocking the Assessor.

Chinese Play Houses Must Stay Closed on Sabbath—A Jap's Hard Luck.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Nov. 29.—The city assessor to-day visited the offices of several establishments attempting to access plants installed for manufacturing purposes and in newspaper offices. The citizens affected to appear to have resented the visit of the assessor and in most cases refused to answer the questions put to them. The newspaper offices were all visited and the proprietors informed the assessors that the value of their plans was none of the city's business. When the assessors stated that the law allowed them to ask this question, the Advertiser and World at least still declined to answer it.

The Pudd'nhead Wilson company drew a very large, fashionable, and appreciative audience last night at the Vancouver opera house.

The Chinese again have requested that they be allowed to run their theatres seven nights in the week. The request has been declined.

J. Olund and J. Swensen, two Swedes, arrived in the city yesterday morning from Cape Nome. They say that some 2,000 people are wintering there. Typhoid fever is very prevalent. When they left four or five cases a day were reported and the hospitals were all full. They came out by way of Dawson. On the grounds that all that was desired was to have the thieves outside the city. This policy being being severely criticized by many citizens. As a case in point the Wheaton police have arrested two men who stole two bundles of cloth in Vancouver but the council will not pay the expenses of the police to go to Wheaton and bring the prisoners back.

A Jap was held up, beaten and robbed of \$130 on Monday night. He had deposited the amount with the proprietor of the Europe hotel and drew it out yesterday to purchase a ticket to China, but was held up immediately after.

Commandant Lubbe was severely wounded.

FRATERNAL SOCIETIES' BILL.

General Opposition to Proposed Measure of the Dominion Government.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—Fraternal societies' representatives met to-night to consider the Dominion government bill respecting benevolent organizations. The meeting was unanimously opposed to the measure and steps will be taken to formulate the objections of the societies.

DR. IRELAND LOCATED.

Montreal, Nov. 29.—Dr. Ireland, whose mysterious disappearance from this city caused much excitement both in Canada and the United States about a year ago, is, according to information received here to-day, practising in the Western States under the name of Dr. Gray. It will be remembered Ireland was thought to have been drowned by falling off the wharf while embarking for Glasgow.

Football Club's Annual Ball.

One of the Most Enjoyable Events of the Gay Winter Season.

Prettily Decorated Ball and Supper Rooms and a Large Attendance.

At Assembly hall last night the large number of dancers, the enjoyable nature of the entire surroundings, and the excellent music were the essential characteristics which crowned with success the efforts of those in charge of arrangements for the third annual dance of the Victoria Rugby Football Club.

Upon entering the hall, the first impression received by the spectator was the splendor and tastefulness of the decorations in which bunting with the club's colors, red and white, predominating, were conspicuous. A considerable portion of the decorations, particularly the evergreen strings and flags, had been left in position from the recent hospital ball, but the cleverly contrived nooks and corners had been tastefully rearranged for the occasion. The corner on the left of the entrance had been carefully and excellently arranged and decorated by Mrs. H. D. Holmeken, while the transformation in the corners at the other end of the hall was due to the artistic abilities of Mrs. Langworthy and Miss Cora Powell.

A very agreeable innovation was introduced in the general formation of the dancing space, in so arranging it as to represent in miniature the playing space on a football field. At the entrance was placed the regulation Rugby goal posts from which was suspended a football on a stringer intertwined with the club's colors. Surmounting these were two enormous Union Jacks. The same arrangement existed at the other end of the apartment while along the sides, marking as it were a boundary for the dancing space, the same as in a playing space, were the regulations touch flags also with the club colors.

At the rear end of the hall and directly under the goal post stood a table, neatly decorated on which rested the handsome championship cup, wrested by the Victoria Rugby Club from their rivals last year. Beside the trophy lay the photograph of the victorious team.

Shortly after nine o'clock King's orchestra of ten pieces struck up enlivening music for the first number, which took the form of a preliminary extra, in which about one hundred couples participated, although a conservative estimate of the full number in attendance later would place it in the neighborhood of three hundred.

Between the "first" and "second halves" the supper room was exceedingly well patronized. There were fully fifteen well stocked tables which were open for patronage continuously during the latter portion of the evening.

The committee in charge of the ball arrangements consisted of Messrs. A. T. Goward, Lieut. Bromley, R.N., and Alexis Martin, Messrs. Goward and Martin acting in the capacity of floor managers. The members wish to thank Mrs. Holmeken, Mrs. Langworthy and Miss Powell for their kindness in decorating the hall, those ladies who contributed towards the supper, and toward the enjoyable nature of the occasion.

FATAL RAILWAY WRECK.

Six Persons Killed and Many Injured in Collision in New Jersey.

New York, Nov. 29.—Six persons were killed and about as many more injured, some probably fatally, in a railroad wreck on the Delaware and Lackawanna at a crossing at Paterson, N. J., to-night.

The Phillipsburg accommodation, west-bound, crashed into the rear of the Buffalo express, known as No. 6, while the latter was standing at the depot. The two rear cars of the express were totally wrecked.

The majority of those injured are residents of Paterson, Binghamton, Scranton and New York. The dead are: Mrs. Mary Roe and her two daughters of Ithaca; Walter Welbeck, Cornell College, Ithaca; Miller Craig, New York; and an unknown woman.

AMERICAN OFFICER ACCEPTED.

Newport News, Va., Nov. 29.—Col. G. H. Austin of Phoenix, who fought in the Mexican and civil wars, applied to the British war office several days ago for an appointment in the British army in the Transvaal. To-day he received orders from Lord Lansdowne to report to Lord Pauncefoot at Washington. He started to-night for that city.

Not one in twenty are free from some little ailment caused by fumes of the liver. Use Carter's Little Liver Pills. The result will be a pleasant surprise. They give positive relief.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Mainly Devoted to New Colonial Interests Including Substantial Increase in Navy.

New York, Nov. 29.—A forecast of the President's forthcoming message is telegraphed from Washington to the Herald, it says:

"The most important features of the message relate to new dependencies and to the financial question."

The essential features on these topics are: Sovereignty will be established throughout all the Philippine Islands, and to be permanently maintained. Civil government is to be extended throughout the islands, as rapidly as possible, on lines somewhat similar to the arrangements effected for the government of the Island of Samoa.

Attention is invited to the report of the Philippines commission as to why it is impossible for us to part with the islands, and as to the great commercial advantages in holding them.

Attention is also called to the fact that the census will not be completed until December 1st, and as the Spaniards have, under the treaty, until April next a decade whether they will become citizens of the island, it will not be possible until that time to hold general elections to determine upon the future government of the island. The question of the annexation is therefore left open. Great stress is laid upon the improvement in the island during the year.

President McKinley recommends that a civil government immediately replace the military at Porto Rico; a civil governor to be appointed, and a councilor legislature to be elected by the people. Property and education to be protected for the people.

As to Hawaii, the President suggests immediate legislation to put in effect a territorial form of government, and the modifications of the pending bills to correspond most nearly to the present government of the islands.

The President refers to the trade condition in China, and the verbal assurance received by this government from the powers having spheres of influence in that empire that American trade rights will be respected. He has requested that these verbal assurances be placed in writing. This feature of the President's message is looked forward to with considerable interest by the diplomatic corps.

The regulation of trusts and great combinations so as to prevent the stifling of competition, but without hampering the development of American manufactures and commerce, will be urged.

The construction of an inter-oceanic waterway is again urged.

Three armored cruisers, three protected cruisers and two gunboats are asked, and also authority for the purchase of Krupp armor, an increase of officers and men in the navy, and increases in the army to meet the new conditions in connection with the colonies, are pointed out as necessary.

THE MANITOBA CAMPAIGN.

Winnipeg, Nov. 29.—The splendid speech of Hon. George Foster last night was the dominant topic of conversation here to-day. Mr. Foster repelled the charge that he was a "foreigner" and said as the voters' lists for the Dominion are now made up by the provinces Dominion politicians had a perfect right to interfere in the Manitoba campaign.

Nominations for the election will take place to-morrow. There will probably be contests in all constituencies. Mr. Fisher, independent, will likely retire in Russell so as not to interfere with the Conservative candidate's chances of success. Freeman, independent for Virden, has also retired.

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President McKinley recommends that a civil government immediately replace the military at Porto Rico; a civil governor to be appointed, and a councilor legislature to be elected by the people. Property and education to be protected for the people.

As to Hawaii, the President suggests immediate legislation to put in effect a territorial form of government, and the modifications of the pending bills to correspond most nearly to the present government of the islands.

The President refers to the trade condition in China, and the verbal assurance received by this government from the powers having spheres of influence in that empire that American trade rights will be respected. He has requested that these verbal assurances be placed in writing. This feature of the President's message is looked forward to with considerable interest by the diplomatic corps.

The regulation of trusts and great combinations so as to prevent the stifling of competition, but without hampering the development of American manufactures and commerce, will be urged.

The construction of an inter-oceanic waterway is again urged.

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We printed yesterday an alleged statement of the Boer plans, which attributed to them the disposition of their forces so as to cut off the British retreat in both Natal and Cape Colony. This may have been the original intention, but it can hardly apply to the situation as it now exists. It would seem to be a foolish disposition in view of the fact that the railways from the Cape and Durban are in our hands, and new troops are constantly going forward. Besides all this, there does not appear to be the least reason to suppose our troops to be likely to retreat, and the Boers will have more than they can do getting out of the way of the advance.

The news from Ladysmith is satisfactory though not very recent. The town seems to be safe, and this fact may materially influence Gen. Buller's plans. If Ladysmith were in danger he would feel bound to get there at any cost. Now he can choose his time and manner of dealing with Joubert's force.

Kimberley at last accounts was a long way from capitulation, and the Boers themselves admit that the garrison very lately gave them a severe drubbing. From the afternoon despatches there would seem to be no good reason why the advance movement over the twenty-two miles between the Modder River and Kimberley may not be in progress. About midway between the river and the town is Spitzkop, where there are some hills, and here the Boers may make another stand, but at this point they will be attacked both in front and in the rear, if the Kimberley garrison knows when Methuen will be prepared to strike.

OUR BOYS AT THE CAPE.

The Canadian Contingent has reached Capetown. This is a historic event. A despatch announced a few days ago that the day of their arrival is to be a public holiday and that our boys will march through the streets which will be gallantly decorated in their honor. This may well be, for this is the first time in history when men have travelled half way around the globe to fight a battle for their fellow subjects of the Empire. It is a timely arrival for it occurs just at the hour when the fiercest fighting is being done at the front.

Our boys will see many a reminder at the Cape that this is no holiday trip upon which they have embarked. The throngs who will greet them will have their feelings wrought up by the news from the front of heroes in khaki doing their country's work under circumstances more terrible than men have ever faced in modern warfare. Some of us said, when we bade good bye to the Victoria contingent that the fighting would be all over before they got there. We know better now. We know that in a very few days they may be in the very thick of battle. May their arms be strengthened and their hearts steeled for the ordeal that awaits them.

THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

It is understood that the Chief of Police has sent in his resignation to the Police Commissioners. We are quite certain that the almost unanimous feeling of the public will be that he has acted wisely. There will be no disposition on the part of any one to speak harshly of the retiring Chief, whose chief fault lay in his good nature, too great an amount of that estimable quality being a detriment to the incumbent of such a position.

We do not know whether it will be proposed to provide Mr. Sheppard with some other employment in connection with the city, but if there is any available post that he would like to have and for which he is adapted, the Colonist would be glad to see him get it. He has been twenty-three years in the service of the city, and his pay during that time has never been great. He can hardly be in a position to do without an income of some sort. At least we assume he is not when we say that some provision ought to be made for him. It may be said that if anything of the kind is done a precedent will be established; but we are not averse to the establishment of a precedent that when a man has done police duty for nearly a quarter of a century, he ought not to be turned adrift without a thought as to his future. Such a precedent as we have referred to might some day in the future be found very useful as showing the way to relieve others who like Mr. Sheppard have been in harness a long time and who are kept on after they have become hardly equal to their duties, because their removal would work a serious hardship. We are, of course, not now speaking of any one at present in the municipal service.

ORIENTAL IMMIGRATION.

The sobering effect of responsibility is well illustrated by the article in the Columbian of recent date dealing with the question of Oriental immigration. Whether one subscribes to or dissents from the position taken, there can be no two opinions as to the excellent temper in which the article is written and the evident desire to reach what is, from our contemporary's point of view, the true solution of the problem.

Oriental immigration naturally divides itself into two classes, the Japanese and the Chinese. They apparently stand on quite different footings. So far as has yet developed the Imperial government has taken no stand against anti-Chinese legislation, but as the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has decided that legislation restricting the rights of aliens, as such, is ultra vires the local legislature, any attempt to pass restrictive laws would be, as our contemporary intimates, simply an appeal to the ignorant and unthinking. If the whole question turned upon Imperial disallowance, it might with some show of plausibility be argued that, if a provincial legislature showed its determination to have certain legislation by repeatedly re-enacting it in the face of repeated disallowances, the Imperial government might in the end yield, but when the question is a constitutional one turning upon the interpretation of the British North America Act, the decision of the highest court of appeal settles the matter for all time, or until the act may be amended. We see no relief from any evil, flowing from promiscuous Oriental immigration, which the local house is in a position to grant, and the Columbian is apparently of the same opinion.

We are glad to see our contemporary coming around so thoroughly to the Colonist's view of this important matter. In so doing it tacitly condemns much which its co-workers for the present administration have advanced, and for which a great deal of credit was claimed for Mr. Seafin and his colleagues, but we have grown so accustomed to this sort of thing that it hardly calls for any comment.

We are not able to agree with the Columbian in thinking it wise to continue the restrictive clause in acts incorporating private companies. The Columbian will remember that the only reason why the acts containing that clause were not disallowed was expressly stated to be that the disallowance might interfere with the operations of the companies. The inference would be that such acts would be promptly disallowed in future.

The Columbian favors legislation on the lines of the Natal Act, which would of course have to be enacted by the federal parliament. This was the solution proposed by Mr. Chamberlain, but it was rejected by the provincial government, and Mr. Cotton in his letter on the subject pleaded that the ministry to which he belonged had not gone as far as the Natal Act. Whether the Columbian will succeed in educating Mr. Cotton up to its standard in this matter we will not venture to guess.

A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE.

For the first time in the history of the United States a President has been called upon to formulate a colonial policy. This will be la piece de resistance of the message, which President McKinley will send to congress next week. He will lay down in general terms the lines which his administration purposes to follow in the Philippines, Hawaii, Porto Rico and Cuba. His deliverance on these points have great future importance, for on the lines upon which those dependencies will be controlled in the near future their development will largely proceed. They will also have an immediate bearing upon domestic politics, for upon what the President says in this message on these subjects the people of the whole country will be asked to pronounce at the elections to be held next fall.

The forecast of this very important message says that President McKinley will recommend the continuance of military operations in the Philippines until

the sovereignty of the United States is fully established over the whole Archipelago and that military government shall be replaced by civil government as rapidly as circumstances will permit. He will not make any special recommendation as to Cuba, the future of that island being left in the hands of its inhabitants, who some time after April 1st next, will be asked to decide as to its future. The President thinks the time has come when Porto Rico can be safely given a civil government and some measure of representative institutions may be accorded to the people. Hawaii is to be governed on the territorial system. This is a combination of federal control with local elective legislatures. From the standpoint of an outside observer this synopsis presents a very readable programme which ought to commend itself to the good sense of the nation.

The message will deal with the relations between the United States and China. The Samoan settlement will probably be reserved for treatment in a separate document after the treaty has been signed. Very great interest will be taken in this message, not only in the United States, but all over the civilized world for it is the first since it could be truthfully said that the Republic has become a factor in world-politics.

As soon as word was received that the Canadian contingent had arrived at the Cape, Mr. H. D. Holmeck, M.P., with characteristic thoughtfulness, sent our boys a cable message expressing his good wishes for their welfare and success.

We are really surprised that Mr. McPhillips should seek to give publicity to such a letter as we print over his signature to-day. Will he not kindly read over the Colonist editorial to which he refers and see if he can find in it a single claim of any kind made by the Colonist for itself, except that it had some little

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posed of both Liberals and Conservatives; but the individual members of the party could not properly be described as Liberal-Conservatives. They were either Liberals or Conservatives. The phrase was coined to express a coalition, which terminated years ago. This is the reason why the Colonist prefers the expression Conservative. We are not alone in this. Thus we find Hugh John Macdonald speaking of Sir Charles Tupper, say: "He never stood higher in the opinion of Conservatives than he does to-day." We think the best usage is in favor of the simple expression "Conservative." Thus, picking up the first Parliamentary Companion at hand, which happens to be that of 1889, we find Col. Prior so describing himself. Mr. E. Crow Baker does the same, so does Mr. Barnard, who then represented Cariboo, also Sir Mackenzie Bowell. Mr. Chapleau, Mr.

won't be of much advantage to those who are trying to make a living in the country now. The sentiment of the large majority is that fair assistance should be given towards the construction of a railway to the northern end of the island and that the matter be arranged as soon as possible.—Cumberland News.

THE MAXWELL FUND.

We do not think Mr. Maxwell and his friends in making public appeals for subscriptions, have shown a proper regard for the sensibilities of things. If he had first resigned his seat in the house it would then have been a matter exclusively their own.—Nelson Miner.

CURIOUS INDEED!

It is curious to find some papers across the line gloating over the discomfiture of Aguinaldo and at the same time upholding the cause of the Boers. The Filipino leader never invaded American territory or devised a scheme for the capture of colonists established by the United States.—The Province.

BULLER'S SUMMER TOUR.

Gen. Buller is getting up a personally conducted summer tour to Pretoria, Bloemfontein and other charming parts of Africa.—Hamilton Spectator.

A WARM ONE, TOO.

There must be rough times in South Africa when even the Boers feel it necessary to have an Estcourt.—Toronto Globe.

MR. ATKINS' GALLANTRY.

A British soldier can always be depended upon to defend a lady, even if her name is Smith.—Toronto Star.

THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT.

The Canadian contingent of British war forces is to be assigned to garrison duty on its arrival at Capetown. The news has been received in Ottawa with deep disappointment as it had been generally expected and hoped by the Canadians that their troops would be sent to the front immediately and be given an opportunity to show their mettle. But let them not despair. Joubert and his Boers are putting up a campaign that may make the British general glad to have the Canadians for something more stirring and bloody than garrison duty.—Portland Oregonian.

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28 doz. Fine Stripe Underwear, regular \$3.00 per suit,.....Friday, \$2.50

Men's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, Friday.....per suit 2, 2.25, 2.50

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VICTORIA TIDES.

[By Mr. Napier Denison.]

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Thursday, Nov. 30.		Friday, Dec. 1.	
Time.	Height above zero.	Time.	Height above zero.
3:00 a.m.	9.4 feet.	4:00 a.m.	9.7 feet.
7:00 a.m.	8.0 feet.	7:30 a.m.	6.2 feet.
12:50 a.m.	9.0 feet.	1:00 p.m.	9.6 feet.
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Treasurer's Day.—A meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Home, Cormorant street. This is Treasurer's Day with the union.

A Good Idea.—A movement has been started by Major Dupont and other members of the Hunt club to hold another race meeting in aid of the Mansion House fund.

Auction To-Morrow.—At Hardaker's room on Douglas street is a very large quantity of good furniture and effects that will be sold to-morrow entirely without reserve. The goods are on view this afternoon. The quantity and quality of the goods disposed of by the auctioneer at these weekly sales is very unusual.

Port Essington Fire.—Mr. W. S. Hurst, insurance adjuster of Vancouver, who went to Port Essington to adjust the loss caused by the fire which destroyed the hotel, store and other buildings of Messrs. R. Cunningham & Son, returned on the steamer Danube yesterday. It will be some days before a statement can be made as to the firm's books were destroyed and in consequence it will take some time to place a value on the stock. Mr. Harris, the firm's book-keeper, came down with Mr. Hurst and is assisting him in adjusting the loss.

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Funeral of W. H. Flewin.—The funeral of the late W. H. Flewin took place yesterday afternoon from the hall of Victoria lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., of which deceased was a member. Services were also held in the Reformed Episcopal church. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Wilson officiating. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. H. Maynard, J. Woods, B. Adams, A. Jacques, A. Gregg and H. Mara. A large deputation of the Vinters' association and numerous friends accompanied the remains to Ross Bay cemetery where the impressive ritual was performed.

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al of the Odd Fellows was said by Noble Grand A. Rumble assisted by Past Grand Allan Graham.

Patriotic Cantata.—The First Presbyterian church choir under the leadership of Mr. J. G. Brown are making preparations for the rendition of the patriotic cantata "Britannia and Her Daughter" about the middle of next month.

Leave your orders with Clay's and the success of your Christmas dinner is assured. Telephone 101.

Real Estate Sale To-Day.—Joshua Davies will sell to-day, at noon, at his salesroom, Board of Trade building, desirable residence property fronting Dalas road, with unobstructed view of the outer harbor.

Local Dance.—Victoria lodge No. 17, K. of P., will hold an invitation social and dance at their hall this evening. It is the intention of the lodge to follow this with other socials of a like nature, through the ensuing winter.

Police Court.—The police court proceedings yesterday morning were of a very quiet nature, the only offenders being one Tomay, a Seattle Indian who was charged with drunkenness, and fined \$5 or in default ten days' imprisonment. The fine was paid.

Appointed an Agent.—Mr. H. McD. Spencer, of San Francisco, inspector on the Pacific Coast for the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of San Francisco, who spent several days in Victoria, left for Vancouver this morning. During his stay here Mr. Spencer appointed Mr. W. A. Ward agent for the company.

Householders' Register.—Householders in the city have until Friday next to get their names on the municipal voters' list for 1900. Up to last evening 350 names had been registered, just half as many as last year. Those who registered last year should remember that they have to go through the same formalities this year if they wish to vote.

Hard on Builders.—The present wet weather has greatly delayed work on the buildings now going up in the city. Generally builders can rely on lots of good weather during November and December, but this year has been an exception to the rule. With a view of getting around the difficulties caused by a superabundance of water, Mr. James

Arrival of the Canadians.

Capetown, Nov. 29.—The Allan liner **Sardinian**, from Montreal, with the Canadian contingent, 1,000 strong, has arrived.

Baker, contractor for Mr. Thomas Earle's new building on Yates street, is utilizing the roof of the old building, which is held up by the adjoining walls and wooden pillars. The excavators and stone masons will in consequence be able to work in all kinds of weather.

His Brother Here.—Probably there is not a single portion of the British Empire where there are not homes where the despatches from South Africa are not closely watched on account of the presence of some relative in the British forces at the front. This is particularly true of Victoria, where there are so many people from the Old Country. At least one Victorian has received such news. Flieg Captain Reginald C. Prothero, the Doris, who was killed at the battle of Graspan or Enslin, being a brother of Ernest M. Prothero, book-keeper for the Okell & Morris, Company, who resides at Rockside, Craigflower road.

Footballers Disappointed.—Nelson will not send a Rugby football team to the Coast this winter as was intended. In explaining the Nelson Miner says: "This is not on account of any difficulty with the Coast clubs, who have shown themselves more than generous, but because it is impossible to get a representative team together. Several Rossland players were to have gone with the aggregation, but now they are unable to go, and three or four of the best Nelson players are also prevented by business reasons, while several others are uncertain whether or not they will not also be prevented at the last moment. Thus the project has dropped. It is naturally a disappointment to Mr. Haines, the captain, who has been unremitting in his efforts to promote the success of the game here."

Holy Saviour's Church Addition.—The building committee of the church of the Holy Saviour, West Victoria, have received from Mrs. Bullen the handsome sum of \$240 toward the work of enlargement that they now have in hand, this being the net result of the recent dramatic entertainment at the A. O. U. W. hall. It speaks volumes for the economic management of this entertainment that the total expenses were kept down to \$25.10, the item of hall rent and caretaker (\$11.50) and printing and advertising (\$6.10) being the chief factors in the modest expense bill. The committee of the church also feel the burden of responsibility very much lightened by reason of the generosity of Mr. James Dunsinuir, whose check for \$500 has recently been placed to the augmentation of the building fund.

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REGIMENTAL ORDER.

Applicants for Enrollment as Sub-Marine Miners to Parade.

The following regimental order was yesterday issued by Lieut. Col. Gregory, commanding the Fifth regiment:

1. All applicants for enrollment in No. 5 Company (sub-marine miners) will parade at the drill hall at 8 p.m. o'clock on Monday, the 4th Dec. next, for the purpose of enrollment, etc.
2. Officers commanding companies will not open their equipment ledgers until the officer commanding is satisfied that the service roll is complete.
3. Officers commanding companies will forward their recommendations for N. C. O.'s at once. Such recommendations will show the date of original enlistment, etc.
4. All ranks are reminded that it is absolutely imperative to complete without delay the reorganization of the regiment and their giving prompt attention to all regiment and company orders.
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Chief Sheppard Has Resigned.

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All the Evidence in the Clayards Case Not Yet in Hand.

Chief Sheppard yesterday morning forwarded to the board of police commissioners his resignation of the position of head of the city police force. The retiring chief would not admit this when spoken to yesterday out from one of the police commissioners it was learned that the resignation had been received. Coming as it did just after the close of the recent investigation and before the commissioners had given their decision on the charge preferred against the chief, his action was rather a surprise to those who first heard of it, but it was not to the commissioners. They had come to a decision and it was adverse to the chief. He was so notified and his resignation followed.

The commissioners have thus been relieved of a rather unpleasant duty, for had not the resignation been forthcoming their report on the charge preferred against the chief would have been more severe than it will now be. The report was being drafted yesterday and will be made public at a meeting of the commissioners to be held on Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the city hall.

The charges against the chief were contained in a letter to the commissioners from Constable Clayards and were as follows: "The inebriety of Sergt. Walker, both on and off duty, is notorious, and within the knowledge of the Chief of Police and other members of the department, as I can prove. When asked why I did not report him to the chief, I replied that it would do no good."

"As a matter of fact, the chief has long been aware of the Sergeant's shortcomings, and has never suspended him, or, to the best of my knowledge, ever reported him to the police commissioners."

At the investigation Chief Sheppard said he had seen the sergeant under the influence of liquor but not drunk. He did not know the meaning of the word "inebriety."

The commissioners have not yet come to a conclusion as to whether they consider Constable Clayards' explanation of his actions towards his superior officer in the Lacoste case, satisfactory. In fact all the evidence given before the commissioners had not been received yesterday. However, it is probable that the commissioners will get together to-day and prepare a report on the Clayards' case for presentation at to-morrow's meeting. One of the commissioners said yesterday that he thought Constable Clayards had acted a little indiscreetly, but he did not consider his action any more serious than that.

It is just eleven years since Chief Sheppard was appointed to the position from which he resigned yesterday. Previous to that he had served on the force at intervals as constable and sergeant since 1862. In his younger days he was considered one of the most capable officers, and when appointed chief there were few men considered more competent than he. In latter years, however, his age has told against him and his greatest fault has been that he was too easy-going.

The next work the commissioners have is the appointment of a successor. There will certainly be numerous applications from members of the force and others.

Owen Smiley. A. O. U. W. hall, December 11.

DEAF MUTE SCHOOL.

Government to Be Petitioned to Assume Control of the One Here.

The following petition to the Lieut.-Governor in council is being circulated: "Whereas, some deaf and dumb pupils of this province are being taught in schools of other provinces of this Dominion, and in California, while others within its limits are unprovided for, and 'Whereas, such pupils are being most successfully taught writing, spelling, arithmetic, sewing, and a system of physical culture, by which two pupils—born 'deaf mutes'—are learning to talk and hear in a school in the city of Victoria, provided for their instruction during the remainder of the present year by the residents and municipal officers of said city."

"Now, therefore, we pray your honorable body that, at the earliest possible date, you will assume the control and maintenance of the said school, and make it a non-sectarian institution that may receive all such pupils within the province, that may have reached the age of three years, and in which all pupils that have reached the age of eighteen years may have the privilege of being paid for all services rendered and charged for instruction received; thus allowing pupils of any age, above eighteen years, to receive instruction in various lines of study or in occupations desired, and thus

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My Blend Tea, 25c.
Rajah Tea, 20c. lb.
Fresh Ground Coffee, 25c. and 40c.
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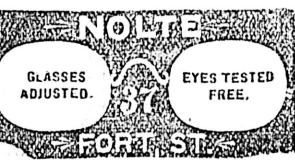
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V. Portieres and Curtains—Heavy Rich Roman Stripe Portieres, were \$8.00 pair, price now \$4.00. Tapestry Portieres were \$7.00 each, price now \$5.00 Raw Silk Curtains, Burmese Stripe, were \$7.50 pair, price \$4.00.

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Order Made Vesting the Property in Nicol, and Defendant Liberated.

The long pending case of Canessa vs. Nicol has been settled and an order has been made releasing from the New Westminster jail the plaintiff Canessa, who was committed over eight months ago for refusing to sign a conveyance to the stone quarry in dispute which the court decided belonged to Nicol. Before the order for liberation was made, however, an order was made vesting the quarry in Nicol, Canessa having refused to the last to sign the conveyance.

The matter came up before Mr. Justice Martin in chambers yesterday morning. Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., applied on behalf of Nicol for the vesting order and was opposed by Mr. D. G. Macdonnell, Q.C. After the order had been issued Mr. H. A. McLean applied for the release of the prisoner, and as stated this was also granted no objection being raised by counsel for Nicol.

This was the case which got Mr. Justice Martin, ex-attorney-general into trouble with the law society, who suspended him for champerty, the charge being that Canessa had agreed to give him a lease of the quarry at a nominal figure if he won the case. When the trial judge decided against Canessa and committed him for refusing to sign the conveyance, Mr. Martin appealed to the Full court but was not successful.

Mr. Justice Martin's judgment on the motions made yesterday follow:

"The prisoner has been in jail for over eight months and I agree with both counsel in now regarding him as a monomaniac on this subject, and no good object will be attained by his further imprisonment under the circumstances, the consent of the defendant and the granting of the vesting order remove any difficulty, so far as the opposite party is concerned, and as regards the court itself its dignity will not be affected by taking a merciful view of the situation and liberating such a prisoner. I accept, on this occasion, Mr. McLean's explanation of the absence of an affidavit and his undertaking to file one and on his filing an affidavit verifying in substance the representations he has made on prisoner's behalf the order for liberation may issue. Affidavit filed and order issued."

"ARCHER MARTIN, J."

REVEREND EDITOR'S DEATH.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 28.—Rev. H. H. Howell, a noted Welsh divine and writer on church topics died here to-day after a long illness. Dr. Howell was editor of the Friend, the official organ of the Welsh church, at the time of his death.

PLEASANTLY SURPRISED.

Members of Columbia Lodge Make a Presentation to Rev. W. D. Barber.

It was a very happy family that assembled in the Odd Fellows' hall last evening to participate in the good things provided by Columbia lodge for their entertainment. The principal feature of the evening was the presentation to Bro. the Rev. W. D. Barber of a handsome combination oak book-case and writing desk by his fellow members of Columbia lodge with a silver plate bearing a suitable inscription. The presentation was made by Past Grand Master A. Henderson in a neat and appropriate speech, in which he referred to the high esteem in which Bro. Barber was held by his brother Odd Fellows, who had taken this means of giving tangible expression to their feelings, and concluded by hoping the recipient would live long to use and enjoy their gift. The reverend gentleman was taken completely by surprise, having had no previous knowledge whatever of the affair, so carefully had the secret been guarded. In responding, he said he would like to say a great deal, but was overcome by his feelings, and could only thank the members for their beautiful and useful present, which he would carefully treasure, while holding them always in grateful remembrance.

After adjournment, tables were spread in the hall, and about 75 Odd Fellows sat down to a splendid collation provided by Bro. D. R. Pottinger. Sufficient time having been allowed for clearing the board of its load of delicacies, a good programme of songs, recitations, speeches, etc., followed, and the hands of the clock indicated the hour of midnight when the happy company dispersed, after singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

Earlier in the evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: R. Marwick, N.G.; Phil. R. Smith, V.G.; R. W. Fawcett, Rec. Sec.; Wm. Jackson, Per. Sec.; G. T. Fox, Treas.

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An Ocean Congregation.

An Interesting Gathering of Steamships at the Outer Wharves.

Anxiety Becomes Keener for the Safety of the Overdue Vessels.

The outer wharf presented a busy scene last evening. Lined up at the piers were the Northern Pacific steamer Beconshe, just in from the Orient; the Northern Pacific steamer City of Dublin outward bound; the Danube from the North with treasure and valuable cargo and the ship Coriolanus with a partially completed salmon cargo for London, Eng. The Beconshe came in from China and Japan, after undergoing quarantine inspection at 5 o'clock. She left Yokohama on the 10th of this month and for ten days Capt. Elliot says he experienced the worst weather he has ever encountered, but his ship fortunately sustained no injury. The glass during the whole time was not up to 29 and generally remained at 28.70. Off shore on this side of the Pacific only one vessel was seen and she was a British ship showing the signals P, J, T, H, which was sighted at 8 o'clock on Monday morning in latitude 29.30 north, longitude 133.30 west. The Beconshe brings for Victoria 4,000 packages of general cargo; 7 Chinese of a total of 12 on board and 129 Japs out of a total number of 212. She is a new ship to this port—a tramp with an immense carrying capacity. She had little more than commenced to discharge freight when the City of Dublin was ready to sail with a large general cargo of flour, cotton, cigars, cigarette, etc., amounting in all to 5,400 tons. She received 15 Chinese passengers here, two more than embarked on the Sound. Mrs. Gould, the wife of the skipper of the long lost Pelican, and her two little children were in the cabin on their way to Hongkong. The Danube left late in the evening for Steveston to discharge her salmon cargo.

THE OVERDUE FLEET.

Vessels Must Have Been Terribly Battered by the Storm Monday.

More apprehension is felt for the safety of the overdue fleet of sailing vessels, as the vessels fail to report and are not seen by incoming steamers. The terrible storm, which forced the U. S. transport Victoria to return to Seattle on Monday with a lot of dead horses in her hold and with dozens of the animals maimed, goes to show that the Columbia, 40 days out from Kahului; the Highland Light, which left San Francisco for Nanaimo on October 11, and which when sighted by the Conlinga 75 miles south of the Cape had a disabled rudder; the schooner American Girl which left San Francisco for the Sound on October 8; the bark Ferris S. Thompson, which a fortnight or more ago was spoken by the ship J.B. Brown, long

since in port, becalmed off the Island coast, and the nitrate laden Peruvian bark Libertad, which sailed from Pisagua on August 25 last, are at least having rough experiences. One ray of light thrown on their whereabouts and safety, however, is the report of the Steamer Umattila last night. For the two barks and three masted schooner she passed in bound must have encountered the dreadful weather, which compelled the Victoria to return and yet they were not disabled.

WATER FRONT BREVITIES.

Notes of Interest Respecting Local Shipping—Vessels to Arrive and Sail.

Steamer Toyon Marne is due from the Orient.

Steamer Queen City is due from Cape Scott and way ports.

Steamer Warimoo is due from Australia to-day.

Steamer Walla Walla sails for San Francisco this evening. Steamer Unatilla arrived from San Francisco at 10 o'clock last night. She passed off the Straits two barks and one three-masted schooner, but not at sufficiently close range to make them out. The steamer brought for Victoria 87 tons of freight.

British ship Cambrian Princess has finished loading her salmon cargo at Steveston.

Steamer Danube will not sail for the North until next Wednesday.

Steamer Willapa returned from Northern British Columbia ports yesterday reporting a very stormy passage. She brought as cargo 3,680 cases of salmon and two bales of furs. Her passengers were H. J. Kirkland, H. G. Harris, C. Powell, H. Brindley, J. D. Fletcher, J. Hilton, A. E. Willey, W. S. Hurst, Misses Lee and Tomlinson.

HOME FROM BENNETT.

Captain John Irving Arrived on the Danube Yesterday Morning.

Among the passengers who arrived on the Danube yesterday morning was Capt. John Irving, M. P., who has been engaged during the past summer in steamboating on Lake Bennett in the interests of the John Irving Navigation company. Captain Irving left Bennett on Thursday last and experienced a favorable trip both on land and water the passage from Skagway being of an enjoyable nature. Captain Irving reports an inclination to quietness at Bennett throughout the coming winter, but predicts a marked improvement during the spring.

Navigation is now closed on the lakes, the last trip on Lake Bennett having been made on the day. Captain Irving, who has been in the White Pass and Yukon railway to White Horse rapids is being rapidly pushed forward and in all probability the employees will be kept at work throughout the entire winter. The line, it is anticipated will be open for traffic by June. Coincidental with the extension of the line to White Horse will be the founding of a town at the terminal point, which it is the intention to name Cloosleith. Captain Irving states that when he left there was fully a foot and a half of snow at the summit. He expresses himself as entirely satisfied with the season's operations of his company, his steamers—the Glenora especially having a most successful season. Captain Irving will spend the winter in Victoria returning to Bennett next March.

LOCAL NEWS.

Art Exhibition.—A very large number of visitors have during the past week inspected the drawings and paintings by Mr. Blair's students in the parliament buildings. The exhibit will close this afternoon.

Anglican Services.—To-day being the day appointed for intercession for foreign missions throughout the Anglican community, communion services will be held in the Christ Church cathedral at 8 a.m., and an intercession at 11 a.m. At 3 p.m. a lecture will be given on the missionary work of the Transvaal.

To-day at 11 a.m.—An auction sale of more than ordinary importance will be held this morning at 11 o'clock at the residence 90 Quebec street, James Bay, when the entire contents will be sold. One of the most interesting lots at this time will be the fine set of Rudyard Kipling's works, although the most important lot in the sale is a Heintzman pianoforte. Mr. Herbert Cuthbert is the auctioneer.

Special Services.—At the Salvation Army barracks, 40 Broad street, there will be held this evening a special service for sailors and marines in anticipation of so large a number about to leave for the south, many of whom have attended the army meetings. A number of lantern views will be shown by an officer in Her Majesty's service. The views will be accompanied by a stirring address and vocal and instrumental music. The service will commence at 8 p.m.

This Evening's Concert.—Following is the programme for the concert to be given this evening in Institute hall by the Y. M. I. and Y. L. I. Instrumental duet, Messrs. Davis and Morey; vocal solo, Miss S. McNiff; recitation, Miss Irene Ure; vocal solo, Mr. Firth; vocal solo, Miss Russell; vocal solo, Mr. F. Richardson; violin solo, Mr. B. Bantley; vocal solo, Miss E. Lombard; vocal solo, Mr. Frank Leroy; vocal solo, Miss E. Sehl; vocal solo, Mr. W. J. Cave; cake walk; quartette, Big Four; God Save the Queen.

Mansion House Fund.—The corrected programme for Saturday evening's concert in the drill hall in aid of the Mansion House fund follows:

Flourish of bugles and parade of Highlanders with bagpipes. "Rule Britannia".....Combined Bands "On the Sea".....Arlon Club (a) "The Deathless Army".....H. Kent, Selection.....Flagship Band (b) "The Sea Queen Wakes".....Mrs. Tompkinson (a) "After the Fray".....Mrs. Tompkinson (b) "Ma' Honey that I Love So Well".....Misses L. Loewen and N. Prior "Canada, the Land of the Maple".....J. G. Brown "Soldiers of the Queen".....Miss E. Lombard (in costume) "The Absent-minded Beggar".....Mrs. Tompkinson Selection.....Flagship Band "Soldiers' Chorus" (Faust).....Arlon Club (a) "The Powder Monkey".....Mrs. Tompkinson (b) "Annie Laurie".....The Misses Lugin "The Soldiers' Farewell".....Mrs. Tompkinson Messrs. Kent, Goward, Wollaston, Worlock. "A Soldier and a Man".....Mr. Leroy "God Save the Queen." Mrs. Tompkinson may also render a second poem by Mr. Phillips-Wolley.

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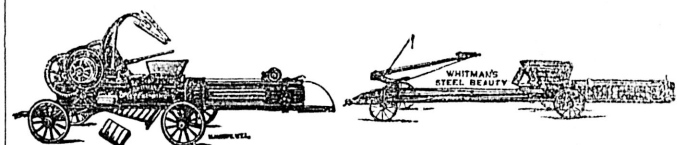
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

In the goods of CHARLES HENRY REAY, deceased, Intestate.

All persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are required to send the particulars thereof and all persons indebted to the said deceased are required to pay such indebtedness to Messrs. Phillips, Wootton & Barnard, Bank of Montreal Chambers, Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C., solicitors for Joseph Welch Reay, the administrator.

IN THE MATTER OF

THE ESTATE OF ADOLPH WASHBURN.

DECEASED.

And in the Matter of the Official Administrators' Act. Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of the above-named deceased, and parties having claims against the said estate are hereby requested to forward particulars thereof to me on or before the 11th day of January, 1900; and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated the 11th day of November, 1899.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS. Finance and Commerce

NELSON.
The hearing of the charge preferred against John McNamara and Phillip Allen, accused of carrying firearms with intent to shoot members of the Miners' Union, was continued at Ymir yesterday, before Messrs. Buckworth and Ross, Justices of the Peace.
S. S. Taylor, Q.C., appeared for the prosecution, and W. A. Macdonald, Q.C., for the defence. A number of witnesses were examined who testified to seeing McNamara carrying arms, but none of them would say that he attempted or intended to use his revolver as charged.
At the conclusion of the evidence counsel addressed the court at considerable length, reviewing the evidence. The magistrates, after a brief consultation, dismissed the case.
The case against Phillip Allen was then called, but the prosecution declined to put in any evidence, and it was accordingly dismissed.
There was considerable interest manifested in the proceedings. The evidence went to show that the accused are employed at the Ymir mine, and that those brought up to testify against them were members of the Miners' Union. McNamara had been assaulted on a previous occasion by members of the union. It was not denied that the accused men carried arms, but it was shown that they did so for self-protection.
It is said that the recently organized "Loyalists' Association" will take an active part in the approaching municipal elections.

The city clerk yesterday received a copy of the resolution passed at the meeting of the board of school trustees on Friday evening, asking the council to petition the government to make Nelson a separate school district, and divide the city block 94 for high school purposes.
Building operations are being very actively pursued at the gas works. The buildings are to be of stone, which is being quarried in the immediate vicinity, and carried to the scene of operations by rail. The buildings occupy the block from Sibley street to Victoria street, and are admirably situated for gas works, with an abundant water supply, good drainage, and sufficiently isolated so as not to be offensive. Mr. George McFarland is superintendent of the works, under Mr. D. Morris, the resident engineer of the company. It is expected that all will be finished by Christmas, should the weather prove at all favorable.—Miner.

REVELSTOKE.
Dominion Engineer Roy was in the city this week in connection with the work to be done by the Dominion above the canyon. Chas. Holton will be in charge of the work.
The Dominion government offer to put up a \$2,500 building for a drill hall 50x100 feet in size if the city will furnish the land whereon to build.
J. J. Roy, Dominion engineer, consulted the board of trade in relation to Columbia river improvements. He thought it would require about \$30,000 to put the channel in good condition from Revelstoke to Death rapids.
A company has been organized for building a skating and curling rink. Money enough has been subscribed to commence operations, \$2,400 being already secured, and the work of building will be commenced at once. The site is on the river bank directly above the old smelter. The memorandum of association was adopted by the fourteen stockholders present and a provisional board of directors elected with full power to act for the company. The directors are: W. M. Lawrence, T. T. Brown, I. T. Brewster and K. J. C. Johnson. The rink will be 150x60 feet in size.—Mail.

COLUMBIA.
Columbia, Nov. 25.—Columbia's first annual fireworks ball was brought off successfully last night. A heavy of beautiful came in from Nelson, Washington, and a large convey from Carson, Republic have also been represented had there been less moisture in the atmosphere of late, and consequently less adhesiveness to the upper stratum of the valley floors. In all sixty-five couples, and a half as many more, were present. The dancing continued until 3 a.m. The reception committee consisted of Messrs. Pare, McCallum, Wright, Wasell, Emard, Messrs. W. C. Wastell, C. Hay and J. P. Wright were in charge of the commissariat. Department and gave great satisfaction. An arrangement has been made between Messrs. J. P. Graves, of the Granby smelter, and D. Bailey, proprietor of Bailey's mill, six miles below Columbia, whereby the latter will saw the one and a half million feet of flume lumber that went adrift on Sunday last. A spur track will be built to the mill from the Columbia & Western main line.

Messrs. Porter Bros. and McArthur have almost completed a single span truss bridge crossing the Kettle river, and replacing the temporary trestle work that has served its purpose during construction.

Sometimes it seems to weary woman that she must certainly give up the most arduous work becomes as almost insupportable task. Nervousness, sleeplessness and pain harass her and life seems hardly worth the living.
Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription was made for her. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery was made for her. The former is for the distinctly feminine, the other for the general system. Together they supply a scientific and successful course of treatment. The "Favorite Prescription" restores healthy, regular action to the organs distinctly feminine. It forces out all impurities, strengthens the tissues, allays inflammation. The "Golden Medical Discovery" makes appetite, helps digestion, promotes assimilation, fills out the hollows in cheeks and neck with good solid flesh and grins back the gladsome glow of girlhood. Send 21 cents in one-cent stamps to World's Dispensary, Medical Association, Buffalo, N.Y., and receive Dr. Pierce's 1.008 page Common Sense Medical Adviser, illustrated.

Special bargains in tapestry carpeting at Weiler Bros.; also in Brussels-str. carpets, lengths from 7 to 40 yards.

SHARES AND PRODUCE.
(Furnished by J. T. McKillop, Broker.)
Chicago, Nov. 20.—The following quotations ruled on the Board of Trade:
Wheat—Open 70 1/2, High 70 3/4, Low 69 3/4, Close 69 3/4.
May 69 3/4, Dec 69 3/4.
Corn—Open 65 1/2, High 65 3/4, Low 65 1/4, Close 65 1/2.
May 65 1/2, Dec 65 1/2.
Soybeans—Open 11 1/2, High 11 3/4, Low 11 1/4, Close 11 1/2.
May 11 1/2, Dec 11 1/2.
Clover—Open 11 1/2, High 11 3/4, Low 11 1/4, Close 11 1/2.
May 11 1/2, Dec 11 1/2.

New York, Nov. 20.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange:
Ann. Sugar—Open 13 1/2, High 13 3/4, Low 13 1/4, Close 13 1/2.
C. B. & Q.—Open 12 1/2, High 12 3/4, Low 12 1/4, Close 12 1/2.
C. M. & St. P.—Open 12 1/2, High 12 3/4, Low 12 1/4, Close 12 1/2.
N. Y. C. & H. & M.—Open 12 1/2, High 12 3/4, Low 12 1/4, Close 12 1/2.
P. C. & S. T.—Open 12 1/2, High 12 3/4, Low 12 1/4, Close 12 1/2.
U. P. & S. F.—Open 12 1/2, High 12 3/4, Low 12 1/4, Close 12 1/2.
T. & C. S. F.—Open 12 1/2, High 12 3/4, Low 12 1/4, Close 12 1/2.
U. P. & S. F.—Open 12 1/2, High 12 3/4, Low 12 1/4, Close 12 1/2.
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U. P. & S. F.—Open 12 1/2, High 12 3/4, Low 12 1/4, Close 12 1/2.

No session of the Chicago Board of Trade or the New York Stock Exchange Thursday, November 20, on account of Thanksgiving day in the United States.

RECRUITING IN THE STATES.
British Ambassador Formally Protests Against Operations of Boer Sympathizers.
Buffalo, N.Y., Nov. 20.—A special from Washington to the Evening News says: "Great Britain protested vigorously yesterday to this government against the organization of expeditions in this country, intended presumably for the assistance of the Boers."
"Lord Pauncefote made the protest to the state department."
"After discussing the matter for some time, the secretary of state referred Lord Pauncefote to the secretary of war, with whom the ambassador also had a conference."
"It is no longer a secret that expeditions of importance are being organized. The most notable of these has headquarters in this city. Another will be equipped today in New York city. Both these organizations are said to have common backing under the secret auspices of an agent of the Transvaal, now in New York. It is understood there are unlimited mines of Dutch and French money behind these filibustering expeditions."
"The state department, the war department and the treasury department have informed the British ambassador that permission will be taken to prevent the sailing of armed expeditions in the interest of the Transvaal."

A DISHONEST TRADER.
So Adjudged by Chicago Board and Suspended for a Year.
Chicago, Nov. 28.—The board of trade today suspended for one year John Barrett, of the firm of Barrett, Farnum & Co., which failed a few weeks ago. The charge upon which the penalty was based was that of uncommercial conduct. There was a second charge against Mr. Barrett for fraudulent trading, but it was not sustained. Barrett has been an active trader on the board for over 20 years.

ANOTHER FIGHTING KID.
New York, Nov. 28.—Kid Broad of Cleveland bested Dave Sullivan of Boston after fighting 25 rounds at the Broadway Athletic club to-night.

Successful Concert.—The Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church are to be congratulated on the musical treat presented at their sacred concert last evening. The church auditorium was comfortably filled and probably it was one of the numbers being rendered in the church which restrained wild deserved applause to which all the performers were entitled.

WAL.
Hark! the fall of heaven seems rent in twain
By the terrible cannonade of war;
Hill and valley, forest and sandy plain
Echo with tramp of horse and muskets' roar.
"Up, storm the ramparts," rings the captain's call;
With cheer on cheer the heroes prompt obey.
But scores with groans of anguish backward fall
Conquered by Death, stern victor in the fray.
Like floods of hell the cannons boom and flash;
Fierce tongues of flame their muzzles grin
Yet upward with undaunted valour dash
The serried ranks, through hail of shot and shell.
Ere Sol's last rays illumed the golden west,
The dead lay strewn o'er field and wooded height.
While far above their heads and shade of rest
Bright stars kept vigil through the gloomy night.
O! home hereafter, where once a father dear,
Gathered in fond embrace his wife and child,
No more shall their affection's whisper hear
From him who sleeps 'mid Africa's forests wild.
Though just the call that claims their noble lives
To aye of warring strife we faint confess,
Yet trust that dark oppression's binding
May sundered be by powers of righteousness.
Hail us, Lord, Thy sovereign will to own;
Blest Dove of Peace, Thy plagues wide expound
O'er this vast Empire's glorious throne.
And joyful anthems sound o'er sacred land,
—A. E. M.
Victoria, B.C., November 28, 1899.

PERSONAL.
T. R. Ella came over from Vancouver last evening.
B. A. Lasell, of Barkerville, is at the Victoria.
Allan Cameron, A.G.E.A. of the C.P.R., is in the city.
Robert Jamieson returned from the Mainland last evening.
W. A. Ward returned last evening from a visit to the Terminal City.
D. E. Campbell returned on Tuesday evening from a visit to the East.
W. R. Robertson, M.P.P. for Cowichan, registered at the Victoria yesterday.
E. B. Welsh, of the British Columbia Cattle Co., is back from a visit to Vancouver.
Fred. Maclellan, D. Burns and C. Jones, the latter of Rand & Jones, Atlin and Bennett, are at the Victoria.
Dr. R. E. McKee, president of the executive council, came down from Nanaimo yesterday and is at the Priory.
Mr. Archie Trant, who conducted the hardware business of the McLennan & McFeeley Co. at Bennett, this summer, is in the city.
Mr. Dominick Burns, of the well known firm of cattle dealers, D. Burns & Co., is in the city, having arrived yesterday on the Danube from Atlin.
Capt. H. H. Lloyd, Puget Sound pilot, and S. Brinker, of the United States customs, came over yesterday to meet the steamer Umatilla, due from San Francisco. They were at the Priory.
Rev. Solomon Cleaver, formerly pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church in this city, occupied his pulpit at Grace church, Winnipeg, on Sunday, having recovered from his recent severe illness.

ATLANTIC STORMS.
Weather Report Arrivals at Newfoundland Report Trying Experiences.
St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 28.—All incoming vessels report terrible weather on the Atlantic.
The barkentine Peggy had her decks swept, her rigging destroyed and her bulwarks battered while coming from Pernambuco.
The schooner Zephyr met with similar experience. She reports sighting a floating wreck about 150 miles off the coast, right in the track of ocean steamers.
The schooner Margaret lost her sails and topmasts. She reports having passed an almost submerged iceberg off Cape Race.

ARGYLE'S GRANDSON.
Paris, Nov. 28.—The religious marriage of Douglas Walter Campbell, only son of the late Walter Campbell, and grandson of the Duke of Argyll, to Alice, youngest daughter of Mr. John Lawrence, of New York, was celebrated in this city to-day, in the presence of intimate friends of both families.

TO BE CREMATED.
Galveston, Texas, Nov. 28.—It has been decided that the remains of Charles Ogilhan, the actor, shall be taken to New York and there cremated.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.
CURE SICK HEADACHE.
Headache, you know, is the trouble incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been in curing these ailments, they are equally effective in curing all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been in curing these ailments, they are equally effective in curing all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been in curing these ailments, they are equally effective in curing all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. 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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Nov. 20—8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

The storm area which was off Oregon yesterday has rapidly crossed the Rockies to Montana. It has caused general rains over the Pacific slope. Another low pressure area now off Vancouver Island will cause strong southerly gales and more rain along the coast and the American coast. Snow is falling in Manitoba, and a moderate cold wave is spreading eastward from Cariboo.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	42	48
New Westminster	40	46
Kamloops	36	44
Barkerville	34	42
Calgary	24	34
Winnipeg	22	32
Portland, Ore.	40	54
San Francisco	54	58

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to high southerly winds, mostly overcast with rain. Lower Mainland—East and south winds, high over Straits and Sound; rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, Nov. 28.

	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	42	Mean.....44
Noon	46	Highest.....48
5 p.m.	46	Lowest.....40

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.	10 miles north.
Noon	9 miles west.
5 p.m.	6 miles southwest.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Sunshine—1 hour.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.750
Corrected.....29.750

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Charrmer from Vancouver:

W. D. McIntosh.	Mrs. W. T. Hutchins.
Mrs. Mcintosh.	Mrs. Marlon.
E. E. Welsh.	T. E. Berry.
W. A. Ward.	W. R. Dell.
J. Armstrong.	Rev. Haslam.
J. D. McLeod.	R. Jamison.
H. S. Stevens.	A. P. Johnson.
G. Ross.	J. Nott.
Allen Cameron.	W. H. Wilson.
S. E. White.	M. Baby.
Miss G. Costram.	C. L. Brown.
Mrs. McCrossan.	E. D. McLennan.
B. J. Gallagher.	E. Dokes.
L. Lane.	W. D. McKelvie.
Geo. Co. & Co.	Royal Gardiner.
Geo. Ballie.	A. E. Merritt.
W. G. MacKintyre.	H. Martin.
Mrs. Wheeler.	A. C. McLouchlan.
Geo. G. Fraser.	O. A. de la Camp.
A. Yates.	

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:

Capt. Lloyd.	Mrs. Murgin.
P. Higgins.	Mrs. Milton.
R. G. L. Jones.	H. P. Jones.
W. H. Norman.	Mrs. Ferondo.
Thos. Howard.	Miss Ida Miller.
A. D. Bell.	Mrs. J. Armstrong.
Miss D. Bell.	G. W. Addison.
Mrs. Dodd.	M. D. Strathern.
S. Brinker.	G. A. Haselberg.
G. Roberts.	Miss Dersey.
Miss Miller.	
Mrs. Martin.	

CONSIGNEES.

By steamer Charrmer from Vancouver:

R. & K. Milling Co. S. J. Taylor.	
H. H. & Co. J. H. Todd & Son.	
R. H. McMillan & Co. S. L. Lelzer & Co.	
Sugar Mfg. Co. Pither & Lelzer.	
H. H. Todd & Son. J. H. Todd & Son.	
W. H. Green. A. N. Storer.	
Wilson Bros. Patterson Shoe Co.	
H. B. Co. J. G. Griffin & Co.	
W. C. Morley. Speed Bros.	
Weller Bros. E. B. Marvin & Co.	
Ockell & M. Rennie & Taylor.	
Thos. Shephard. C. Davies.	
Geo. Powell. John G. Gert.	
Turner, B. & Co. Geo. E. Munro.	
Lenz & Lelzer. A. Sheret.	
R. P. Rittet & Co. J. W. Mellor.	
H. B. Co. F. J. Co. & Co.	
J. Sommer. H. Clarke.	
Viet, B. & S. Co. B. C. Soap Wks.	
Thos. Barle. Mrs. S. Young & Co.	
Dom. Ex. Co. V. & E. Tel. Co.	
Saunders & Co.	

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:

D. H. Ross & Co. Viet, B. & S.	
M. R. S. & Co. M. A. Sayward.	
H. A. Wallington. H. A. Webb.	
Barber Bros. E. H. Bowers.	
Lowenberg & Co. T. N. Hibben.	
Sinclair & Co. Brown & C.	
R. K. Milling Co. Book & N.	
C. H. Bowers. W. Wilby.	
H. Logan. G. N. Hodgson.	
Weller Bros. D. B. Ormond.	
Steele & Co. Pope S. Co.	
Gray & Co. A. W. Knight.	
J. E. Woods. J. Walter.	
D. K. Chumkranes. Albion I. Wks.	
H. B. Co. Mrs. S. Young & Co.	
H. B. Levy. Fleming Bros.	
Agent. A. Bedford.	

Bank of Halifax.

By steamer Willapa from northern B.C. ports:

R. P. Rittet & Co. F. D. & Brodie.	
W. Porter. A. McAfee.	
Whos. Earle. G. I. Wilson.	
G. W. Brewster. A. E. Willey.	
H. Chamber. Lenz & Lelzer.	
O. Doering. H. H. McDonald.	

DETESTED, BUT DREADED.

All Europe is anxiously awaiting the defeat of the English in Natal. All Europe is waiting for an opportunity of taking advantage of England's weakness at the Cape to hit her elsewhere. England is simply defeated on the Continent, and with reason.—Volksblatt, Vienna.

ITALIAN ADMIRATION.

One would say that the Doublin Fusiliers and the King's Royal Rifles, on proceeding to the memorable assault of Glencoe Hill, had before them Nelson's glorious signal. They also have done their duty! The first victory of the English arms will admirably serve to modify the keen opinion of that portion of the press which sustains with many fair arguments that England has been fighting men. To this we can answer, probably there are few in number, but they are all men in the true sense of the word.—Carriere della Sera, Milan.

DO YOU HAVE BACKACHE?

Then Your Kidneys are out of order and You Need Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

You're tired, you say; your back is tired. But what does that mean? It simply means that your kidneys are tired, that they ache because they are worn out and unable to do their work of filtering blood.

Backache is the most marked symptom of kidney disease. By neglecting to cure an aching back you leave yourself liable to Bright's disease, diabetes, dropsy, and all the most painful and fatal diseases. Whatever other ailments you may neglect, never delay in curing the kidneys.

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No other remedy is so popular as Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, 25 cents a bottle.

The Russians And the Japs.

Further Evidence That They Are Not on So Friendly Terms as Might Be.

Report of American Soldier Prisoners Gagged and Shot by Filipinos.

When the steamship Breconshire of the Northern Pacific flag, sailed from Yokohama for this port and Puget Sound on the 10th of the present month, relations between Russia and Japan were on a no more friendly or reliable foundation than at the departure of the last home-ward ship of the Empress line, almost a week before. Diplomatic negotiations of the utmost moment were known to be under way, but their purport was so concealed that even the boldest of the newspapers had abandoned the folly of conjecture concerning them. Throughout the empire the tone of public feeling continued distinctly and altogether anti-Russian, and more than one of the foremost statesmen of Japan had been led to assert with their fellow countrymen from restraining their fellow countrymen from acts tantamount to a declaration of war was far from the least of heavy burdens. The Russian government is reported to have its eyes on Kojé, an island off the southeastern coast of Korea, which is held would serve as an admirable connecting link between Vladivostok and Port Arthur.

That Russia is ambitious of Korea is a fact admitted, and according to the paper supposed to voice the opinions of the government of Japan—"there are not wanting signs that should the Czar's advisers seek to re-open the Korean question, Japan will be found determined and prepared to contest the purchase of a lease of Ulung Island, the Nippon, on the China-Russian crisis, the China Gazette says:

"The Nippon observes Russia's proceedings in Korea with considerable uneasiness. The concessions secured in connection with the whale fisheries, acquisition of a lease of Ulung Island, and the purchase of the land at Fusan, and the apparently determined attempt to procure property at Masampo—all these incidents constitute, in our contemporary's opinion, valid evidence that the Great Northern Power is pushing for another port in southern seas. The Nippon recalls the history of the past for years, which includes such events as Japan's expulsion from Liaotung at Russia's instance; the subsequent occupation of the place by Russia herself; the scheme of railway construction in Manchuria; the convention with Japan; the proposal to establish a service between Vladivostok, Talien, and Port Arthur by means of a line of splendid steamers, and now the effort to obtain a half-way house in Korea. It is a story with an easily discernible moral, and the tone of extreme moderation adopted by the Nippon in writing about it is in a particularly grave mood."

There is a mystery surrounding the death of an unnamed member of the 4th United States cavalry, according to a Manila correspondent of the Yokohama Daily Advertiser, which appears to point to a romance rather than political intrigue or warlike operations. The body was picked up by the steamer Florida, floating in the river, and partially clad in the uniform of a trooper. No wounds or other marks of violence were discovered upon the body, but it tied tightly round the neck was a lace mantilla such as is worn by the most aristocratic of the Spanish ladies of the ancient town; and under the left ear were the plain and unmistakable imprints of four small, evidently feminine fingers. The Florida carried the body on to Calumpit, and on her return voyage delivered it to the authorities at Manila.

Reports were current in Manila at the same time this news was sent out, that Major Cheatham during his mid-October scouting trip to Muntinlupa discovered that three Americans had been bound, gagged and shot by the insurgents. He had also caused the arrest of one Sandago, a lieutenant of the native police, upon the information of a subordinate that he was endeavoring to enlist against the Americans in the event of an uprising.

Reports having reached the provost marshal that arms were concealed at the headquarters of the Dominican friars, a large building adjoining the place, a detachment of soldiers made a search of the building. They found a small stock of rifles, revolvers and ammunition, which was confiscated, despite the protests of the friars that the arms were not intended for unlawful use.

With reference to the mission to China of Mr. Pritchard-Morgan, whose arrival in Shanghai was reported several weeks ago, an English paper publishes the following "with authority":

"The Dowager Empress of China has caused a telegram to be despatched to London requesting Mr. Pritchard-Morgan, M.P. for Merthyr Tydvil, to proceed to China at once, in order to commence mining and commercial operation in the province of Szechuan."

And it adds the following explanation of the message:

"The message of the Empress Dowager is explained by the fact that Mr. Pritchard-Morgan has been appointed unofficial adviser on mining affairs to the Count of Peking and administrator of Szechuan. Mr. Pritchard-Morgan's mission to China is to place the whole of the mining affairs of the Empire on a thoroughly business basis. It is an enormous task. He commences work in Szechuan, the wealthiest province in China, and one of the wealthiest tracts in the world.

"Mr. Pritchard-Morgan is to hold a complete geological survey of Szechuan. He has secured the services of Mr. Jack, for a long time government geologist of Queensland, for a period of three years, as an assistant geologist to go with Mr. Jack. Changchun will be made the headquarters of the survey. Mr. Pritchard-Morgan will stop with Mr. Archibald Little. He will, however, first go to Peking. Mr. Pritchard-Morgan has considerable interest in gold mines in North China, as well as in Korea. He expects to return to England next spring in time for the opening of parliament."

In connection with the noticeable usurpation of all Imperial authority by the great Empress Dowager, the Echo de Chine says that at the audience at which M. de Giers presented the translation of the account of the Czar's travels in the Far East before he ascended the throne, to the Empress Dowager of China, the latter occupied the throne, and the Emperor was seated below her

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and did not speak a single word during the ceremony.

An event which speaks for itself on the lawless state of the country bordering on, and beyond the new territory, Kowloon, on the mainland, occurred quite recently. A gang of assassins, the Hongkong Press reports, kidnapped a lad of seven or eight years of age with a view to holding him for ransom. A message was sent to the father demanding of him a ransom somewhat beyond his means and consequently the father could not pay it. The fiends, believing that he was able to raise the money if he wished, sent a letter threatening that if the money was not sent within a specified time the boy would be returned in pickle, and the money not being sent, actually put their threat into effect, the dead body of the boy being returned to the father in a jar of brine. The perpetrators of this horrible outrage are still at large and apparently the Chinese authorities are making no effort to arrest them.

An official telegram from Saigon to the French Legation at Tokyo, bearing date of the 2nd November, says: "Lieutenant Bretonnet, of the French navy, and Lieutenant Braun, of the Marine Infantry, were massacred last August in the Sulu Islands, with some thirty native riflemen, by the Sultan Rhabat at the head of eight thousand men. A solitary rifleman succeeded in escaping. Rhabat suffered considerable loss in the affair."

M. Stein, the Russian charge d'affaires, has announced to the Korean government that the negotiations on the Masampo question will be suspended until the arrival of M. Pavloff, the minister resident to the country. The minister is expected to arrive at Soul in the latter part of next month.

Captain Hiroki of the Japanese general staff office, who was ordered to proceed to South Africa for Bombay by the South on the 9th, and thence will tranship for Durban, Natal.

Hitches have arisen in the negotiations between France and China, relative to the concession at Kwang-chow bay.

ELECTRICITY FROM THE SEA.

Details of the Novel Proposal for Lighting Vancouver and New Westminster.

The following is the text of the application which, as already reported, has been forwarded to the minister of marine at Ottawa by Fred Peters and E. J. Fader of Vancouver:

Sir: We have the honor to bring to your attention an application for a grant or grants of the following portions of the shore and land covered with water in the harbor of Vancouver.

In this connection we may add for special consideration and as a justification for a novel and untried experiment, being inserted in these grants the object and purpose of this application and the advantage to be derived by the government of Canada.

The extraordinary force of the tides at the points in Vancouver harbor mentioned has hitherto rendered the water for some distance out not only water to be avoided, but dangerous to navigation.

No use of these points is made except for lights and a fog bell. No use so far as we are aware has hitherto been suggested for the foreshores. We propose to utilize this hitherto useless force and generate an electric power which will serve Vancouver, New Westminster, etc., and at the same time provide cheaper and more efficient power for local purposes than is otherwise possible under existing circumstances.

By having obtained these grants, with the conditions hereinafter suggested, we intend to form a company with all the capital required and then to proceed under the provisions of the act respecting obstructions in navigable waters (where again the officers of the government will have every opportunity to watch our action and to protect their interests from any possibly injury) to obtain the approval of the Governor-General-in-Council to the plans for utilizing the water power at these points. We are content that the grants applied for shall be in large measure devoted to the purpose of obtaining the approval of the Governor-General-in-Council to the plans for utilizing the water power at these points. We are content that the grants applied for shall be in large measure devoted to the purpose of obtaining the approval of the Governor-General-in-Council to the plans for utilizing the water power at these points.

We feel satisfied that this proposition will so commend itself to you that, once convinced of its practicability, you will grant it your cordial approval. For this purpose we are largely in the public interest, we would be happy to go fully into the details of the scheme on the spot with any officer you may direct to investigate and report. We are, etc.

Dr. O'Meara, author of the famous volume, "Napoleon at St. Helena," left a journal of his daily intercourse with Napoleon in exile, less than half of which was drawn upon in his published work. The original journal, containing upwards of 100,000 words, was bequeathed by Dr. O'Meara to a friend, by whose heirs it has been put in the hands of a publisher. The work, it abounds in passages of the greatest interest, as bearing on the character and opinions of Napoleon, matter which was suppressed by Dr. O'Meara at the time of the publication of his book in 1822. This journal, which is distinct from the book manuscript, though the latter is in large measure founded upon it, is in a fuller and more intimate style, and details the life and conversation at Longwood without reserve. The Century Magazine will soon begin to publish choice extracts from this journal.

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Source of the Fraser's Gold

Russian Geologist Reports Its Discovery and Staking of Several Locations.

His Belief That Cariboo Will Soon Be Great Centre of Quartz Mining.

To the Editor of the Colonist.

Sir: I wish to draw the attention of your readers to an important discovery, made a short time ago by myself in Cariboo county, British Columbia. I am in this part of the province since about three months. I am supervising the collecting of tree stumps in the interest of an association of Russian noblemen who wish to replant their forests with seeds from a northern latitude of this part of the Continent. I am a geologist and explorer of many years' experience.

It is a well known fact that the Fraser river is rich in placer gold. Till now, so far as I am concerned, the gold which I was told the sources of this gold have been entirely unknown. I am satisfied that I have been fortunate enough to discover the very formation which is to be considered as the source of the greatest part of the gold. I have found the gold in place.

The bed of the Fraser river from the Cottonwood Canyon upwards to Fort George almost invariably is formed by the strata of the crystalline slates of the oldest formation (Archean). These stratas are standing perpendicularly or slanting. At some places this formation the strata of the crystalline slates of the tertiary, but everywhere the gravel, sand, and debris of glaciers has been deposited over the whole surface of the part of the country leaving an exceptionally places, where the bedrock may be seen. These gravels and debris also contain some gold, but nowhere, as far as known, in paying quantities.

At several places in the river bed, and of course at other localities also, but not discussed yet, the strata of the old crystalline formation are intersected by veins of quartz, irregularly shaped masses of conglomerate which, being very different according to its combination, size and shape of ingredient minerals, color, hardness and structure, almost invariably is intersected again by a network of quartz seams and ledges, varying in thickness from small seams up to veins or dykes of twenty feet and more in thickness. A few of these veins are true veins between well defined walls, and they show besides this every mark of a correct gangue or lode; but most of the same are "dykes"—all of them are full of all sorts of iron pyrites.

It is well known that in this part of the country, the old crystalline slates show traces of gold almost everywhere, but they are not rich enough to be successfully worked as mines. The main source of the immense masses of placer gold which the gravel beds of the Fraser river contain—although in such a fine state, that it is almost impossible or very difficult and expensive to recover it, coarse gold occurring only exceptionally—is to be looked after in the conglomerates and quartz veins described above.

At some localities in the Fraser valley the conglomerates predominate. There they form the bed of the river and its banks. They catch the eye of the traveler by their grotesque shape and peculiar color. By decomposition their wealth of metallic ingredients—mostly iron pyrites—has colored their surface in bright yellow, brick red, orange and brown of all shades; some are even black, others white, contrasting to the dull exterior of the slates and the monotony of the gravel and sands. They appear as round or oblong knobs, cones, cliffs, steep walls, always adding a new charm to the beauty of the scenery of the Fraser valley.

Thousands and hundreds of thousands of tons of these conglomerates cover the surface at certain localities. They are in half or fully decomposed condition. Big boulders crumble to pieces when struck by a few blows of the prospecting hammer, and they invariably show free gold in varying quantities. Pieces of this ore, taken at random, are often literally speckled with fine grains of native gold when examined by a powerful magnifying glass at bright daylight. The riches in gold they contain are simply astonishing.

These conglomerates seem to form a belt crossing the country. Their extension is quite unknown yet. It is too late in the season to make further researches.

This discovery means that this part of British Columbia, almost entirely unknown to the outer world, at no distant time will become one of the most important gold producing countries in the world. It abounds in the best timber (spruce, fir, red cedar, cottonwood, birch); is easy of access by the navigation on the Fraser river; has a healthy, invigorating climate, comparing favorably to that of Eastern Ontario or Southern Wisconsin, and at many localities has a splendid soil for farming purposes.

It is a matter of self understanding that these discoveries of the gold-bearing conglomerates described above have been already legally secured by locating a sufficient number of claims.

I have made some other discoveries, also, even as important as those mentioned above, but the matter is not quite ripe yet for publication.

I hereby take full responsibility for the contents of this communication.

KARL LUDLOFF.
Quebec, November, 1899.

Here are a few sample remarks on the war made by the leading newspapers of the various European capitals:

A WORD TO THE WISE.

The British lion is showing his teeth. After the realization of the danger that is going to befall us, we must try to intervene in the Transvaal conflict.—Tagblatt, Vienna.

THANKS TO LITTLE ENGLANDERS.

The reasons of Europe's sympathy with the Boers will be found in the speeches of the opposition leaders. The attitude of the opposition shows that many patriots still doubt whether the policy pursued towards the Transvaal is more conformable to the interests of the Empire than the Boer war. There has been an attitude of patient expectation.—Freidenblatt, Vienna.

QUAINT GENEROSITY.

In all the countries of Europe, although the peoples are capable of warring terrible wars between themselves, there is nevertheless, a certain foundation of generosity, which at the present time would make all honest men happy to see England reap in South Africa in the form of humbling defeats, the price of her perfidy and bad faith.—La France, Bordeaux.

THE BEAR ON THE PROWL.

England's insatiable greed for colonial acquisitions constitutes a serious danger for the European powers, and more particularly for France. Germany and Russia. These countries should therefore anticipate the future danger, and protect their interest by taking advantage of the present opportunity, when England is paralysed by the great difficulties of the war in South Africa.—Svvet, St. Petersburg.

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